

The old Greek artist Apelles had for his motto, "Nulla dies sine linea." "No day without a line." This is a guiding principle which every young man should adopt. Moments make the years, and if the moments are well employed and the days find us drawing nearer to God the years will indeed bring blessings to ourselves and to those about us.

"Let the truer life draw nigher
Every year;
And its morning star climb higher
Every year;
Let earth's hold on us grow slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year."

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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This is a subject of vast importance and one in which we should all be interested, especially parents who have sons and daughters, as well as all Christian people who are working for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

We come in daily contact with many young people and those of whom it may be said, come from homes of a questionable nature.

This is a question which we have given much thought, and can we as a Christian people with a clear conscience before our God say, that we at all times yield such an influence that has within it that which will lead them to a higher life. Did you ever stop to think that the greatest wreck in this world is the loss of one of these young people? When one of them goes down the world is poorer than for anything else that could be lost. We believe this to be true, and yet how many thousands of wrecked young people there are in the world! The sea and the shore of life are strewn with them, and the powers of evil are busy increasing the wreckage. Every saloon, every gambling-den, every dance-hall, every low place of resort, adds to this woeful wreckage, and the loss to the world is beyond the power of man to estimate. Many of these young people who are wrecked set out on the journey of life like the Crusaders of old filled with lofty purposes and rejoicing in the strength and power of youth. And there may be some who read this that have the same lofty purposes in their mind. If so, let me tell you, young man, you may be conscientious, with the best intentions possible, and still fall short of your intentions. Do you not realize in this rushing world of ours we often fail to take the time necessary to become acquainted with ourselves, and go through the world in a haphazard way, but this is a mistake for as some one has said "There is a great deal of unmapped country before us." Some day an unsuspecting trial or temptation coming upon us marks a revelation and we stand aghast.

We have been harboring motives we could not have guessed. We have weaknesses of which we never dreamed. Our self-respect reels under the blow. And the sorrow and shame might have been averted, if earlier we had taken the time necessary to understand our natures, and so have guarded against com-

ing dangers. Young people, what we need is character, to go against the influences which are strong about us, and it takes a good deal of that moral muscle that we call character.

It is very easy to drift along with the current of the world, and very frequently fail to realize that the rocks of ruin were just ahead. We must pull manly against the current if we expect to reach Home safely.

The wrecked young man had no thought of falling by the way. He felt so strong in his own strength that the need of any higher power and greater strength was not apparent to him. Many are buoyed up by nothing but their hopefulness, and the way before them seems straight and smooth and fair. But young people, in order to make a success of this life and be sure of Heaven when we die, it takes more than our strength. We must have God with us, take his word for our guide, and agree with it if we would run a good race and fight a good fight. In conclusion let me say, young people, that you live for your country and certainly live for something big; but remember there are others, and some may need your sympathy and assistance, and life will be a failure unless you are a Christian and live for others and become a life saver, and if you have not, you have failed to do your duty. For as John 3:14 says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

The Christian Life

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

"THE SECRET GROWTH OF SEED." Mark 4:26-29.

I. The Parable.

a. The sower is Christ, but the one who knows not how it grows represents Christ's apostles and preachers.

b. The point in the parable is, that the gospel has a power in itself by which it will grow when once planted. Isa. 55:11; Phil. 4:6.

c. "Earth," v. 28 equals men's hearts when prepared by repentance and faith and watered by God's spirit and shone on by the Sun of Righteousness.

II Teachings

a. Christ has planted the seed of the kingdom, which is, (1) the gospel, (2) the children of the kingdom, and it will grow.

b. We should never be discouraged at the slow progress of the kingdom. 1. "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

c. Christ will not reap until the corn is ripe. Matt. 24:31; Rev. 14:15.

d. The parable doesn't say the man didn't cultivate the corn. 1. We must cultivate the Christian life also.

e. The harvest waits for the ripeness of the corn.

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Thankfulness is the tune of angels.

A WORD OF GOD CONCERNING THE BLESSED MAN

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O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed in the man that trusteth in him. Ps. 34:8. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Ps. 40:4. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17:17. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Ps. 32:2.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Ps. 1:1, 2. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Ps. 112:1. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Jas. 1:12.

Dear redeemed reader, if ever you rejoiced in the Lord Jesus Christ, (Phil. 4:4) you certainly will when you, with the blessed man, hear these words, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25:34. For Christ's sake may God grant us all this welcome invitation in "the sweet bye and bye."

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The Sunday School

LESSON FOR JULY 30

BY THE EDITOR

Daniel in the Den of Lions.—Dan. 6:10-23

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being opened in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree: Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king established may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his